

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2013
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup, Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Charles Jessup

Aldermen: Terry Henley
John Isbell
Terry Morgan
John Whiteman

thus constituting a quorum.

Absent: Dave Wilkens

Also present was resident Shirley Isbell.

Mayor Jessup asked for a motion to suspend the rules and have item #4 Southwest Water transition to Severn Trent as the first item for discussion. Motion was made by John Isbell and seconded by John Whiteman. The motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was discussion of the City of Meadows Place transition from Southwest Water(SWWC) to Severn Trent. Mayor Jessup covered the history of Southwest Water and how they were once a thriving company but due to billing software problems, their itemized billing became an issue with their clients. There is a 30 day agreement with Severn Trent to provide an opportunity for service if feasible. Severn Trent will be hiring the same operator who worked for SWWC so there will be no need to worry about training a new operator. Severn Trent has full equipment and technology capabilities.

The second item on the agenda was the Annual Racial Profiling Report. Chief Gary Stewart provided a brief overview of the results of the annual Racial Profiling Report. The report was conducted by Del Carmen and it is thoroughly prepared. There were no reports of an officer stopping someone based on their race. All police officers are recorded during a traffic stop and this along with other criteria are reviewed to assess if officers are following proper policies and procedures. TCLOESE requires a copy of the Racial Profiling Report each year. The report also indicated that Meadows Place Police officers go beyond the boundaries of the city limits so the report results do not reflect just the immediate area or city population. Mayor Jessup stated copies of the

report can be quite expensive however Chief Stewart stated that a copy of the report will be posted on the City's website.

The third item on the agenda was a discussion of No Through Trucks. Mayor Jessup stated there has been an increase in traffic on Dorrance. A resident informed the Mayor that trucks have been using Dorrance as a through street to get onto Highway 59. This is due to the closure along the usual route. Direct Auto has installed a fence creating a perimeter where trucks once traveled. Mayor Jessup contacted General Manager, Jeff Smith of Ford Motors, an adjacent business to location in question, to ask Mr. Smith if their drivers had been using Dorrance as a through street. Mr. Smith stated he would relay message to other managers with Ford and reassured Mayor Jessup that his delivery trucks have not been using Dorrance as a through street.

The fifth item on the agenda was discussion of Road Use Fee. Mayor Jessup stated the city should provide citizens an opportunity to consider a road use fee. One suggestion by Mayor Jessup is to assess how citizens view the idea of a Road Use Fee by allowing them to go onto the City's website and completing a survey using Survey Monkey. Survey Monkey funding was approved by EDC during last week's Joint Committee Meeting. If the Road Use fee were approved, it would be deposited in a dedicated road use fund that will be earmarked strictly for repairs of roads. There will be information about the road use fee and survey in next month's newsletter.

The sixth item was discussion of Recycle Bins. Mayor Jessup stated that he will have volunteers test out the new recycle bins to assess if the larger bins will be more economical than the smaller bins that are currently used. The cost for the bins would be \$49.50 versus \$9.00 with heavy pick up either day. Councilman Terry Henley stated the previously received bins were obtained through a grant. Mayor Jessup stated those grants funds obtained may not be available at this time. Councilman Henley stated he will check but agreed they may not be available.

The seventh item was discussion of New Water Meters. Mayor Jessup stated purchasing new billing software with AVR would be a part of improving customer service. Mayor Jessup and Dan McGraw, Public Works Director met with Badger Meter, Inc. who stated the bronze bottom meter deadline is June 1, 2013. Installation along with labor and other items needed would run roughly \$175,000.00. This would include; installation for \$72,571.00, AVR software for \$10,000.00 and other devices along with programming for \$56,000.00. There may be other costs that will include loading data.

The last item on the agenda was upcoming Council meeting agenda items. Mayor Jessup stated if Council would like to request items to be on the agenda for discussion to please contact the City Secretary. Police Chief, Gary Stewart will be presenting the Racial Profiling Report for Council's approval. The no through trucks ordinance will not be in reference to commercial trucks that are traveling through town to conduct business inside the city. i.e. cable, telephone, and bottled water companies.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Terry Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember John Whiteman, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Yolanda Wilson, City Secretary